

2012 Holocaust Days of Remembrance

Congress established the Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims. Holocaust remembrance week is April 15–22, 2012. The theme designated by the Museum for the 2012 observance is “Choosing to Act: Stories of Rescue.” Listed below are local observances and remembrance activities.

Names Reading Ceremony, Sunday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday, April 16-20, 10:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 21, 2012, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Hall of Remembrance, 2nd Floor, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126. A list of Holocaust victims' names will be read. Reading time is approximately five minutes for each name. A list of victims' names is provided by the Museum, or you may bring your own. Please e-mail volunteerview@ushmm.org with your requested reading time(s) and include your name. Appointments will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 202.479.9737, TTY: (202) 488-0406.

National Days of Remembrance Ceremony, U.S. Capitol Rotunda, First Street and East Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, Thursday, April 19, 2012, 11:00 a.m. The ceremony can also be viewed via [live webcast](#).

Holocaust Remembrance Day Spoken Word and Music Performance, April 19, 2012 - 7:00p.m.- 9:00p.m., *La Maison Française at the Embassy of France*, 4101 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC, 20007. The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington (JHSGW) and La Maison Française present a special evening of spoken word and music. Poet Davi Walders, accompanied by cellist Douglas Wolters, will present a unique collaboration of story portraits of women resisters intertwined with music by composers whose lives were interrupted tragically during the Holocaust. The program will dramatize the courage of such women as Magda Trocmé (French) and Hannah Senesh (Hungarian). Accompanying cello selections include the music of Olivier Messiaen, who composed while in Germany's Gorlitz Prison Camp, and Gideon Klein's compositions from Terezin. Reception follows. General admission seating: \$10 JHSGW members/\$12 non-members; Reserved seating: \$18. RSVP online rsvp@jhsgw.org, <http://www.jhsgw.org>, or call 202-789-0900. Parking is available on Reservoir Road and across the street from the French Embassy at Georgetown University Hospital's pay lot. For more information, please call: 202-789-0900

Art Exhibit, Embassy of Sweden, 2900 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20007. As part of Holocaust Remembrance Day, a traveling art exhibit in honor of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat who saved as many as 100,000 Hungarian Jews from the Nazis, will be displayed weekends from Saturday, April 21, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to Sunday, April 29, 2012, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call 202-467-2600.

Federal Interagency Holocaust Remembrance Program, Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 P.M., Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009. This year's program will feature Stefania Kenigswain Sitbon, whose family survived the war by hiding in empty animal cages in the abandoned bombed Berlin Zoo and Ernst Floeter, a German who observed Adolf Hitler and the Nazi takeover of the German governments, lived under the Nazi regime and witnessed what happened to his Jewish neighbors and classmates. The program will also include a discussion of the Nuremberg Trials and will be moderated by a newscaster (to be determined) from ABC Channel 7/WJLA-News. This event is sponsored by the Federal Interagency Holocaust Remembrance Committee and is endorsed by John Berry, the Director of OPM. Federal employees are encouraged to attend.